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most lovable of men and the most charming of companions. No one could be angry with him for long, or resist his obvious craving to like and to be liked; and no man could make more generous amends for an outburst of temper or a sharp word.

It is a curious omission in so admirable a book that Mr Hart-Davis makes no attempt to assess Walpole's place in literature, or even the comparative merits of his fifty-nine books. Walpole himself once said that he had "talent without genius," and this is probably as true a judgment as any that could be framed. He was a magnificent story-teller and was never at a loss for a plot. His characters were so real to him—and therefore to his readers—that he could hardly bear to part with them. He had that gift of conveying an atmosphere which is found in the great novelists, and a strong, uncomfortable, but effective sense of the macabre. But while he would have figured among the first half-dozen in almost any list of contemporary writers of fiction, he never quite reached the heights or wrote that supreme book which, as a young man, he longed and strove to achieve. Perhaps he was in too much of a hurry, too impatient to take time for polishing, revising, and correcting, too ready to slip from romance into sentimentality. So his literary "friends" were for ever telling him, and maybe they were right.

Everyone has his favourites. 'Mr Perrin and Mr Traill' was founded on personal experience. So were his books about Russia—'The Dark Forest' and 'The Secret City.' So, surely, was 'Fortitude'—splendid, despite some of the faults of immaturity. With two or three others these were perhaps his finest work. His later books hardly lived up to their promise. John Buchan once advised him not to settle down too soon. His restless nature would not allow him to settle down completely anywhere; but he succumbed too early to the fatal lure of the successful writer—a home in the country, which might be ideal as a place of work, but was unlikely to provide the new and vitalising experiences an author needs. Nor was London a corrective for Walpole; for there he met and mixed mostly with other writers and with the gilded hangers-on of literature. His later work, and particularly his Cumberland novels, suffered from the kind of life he led. Apparently his readers differed from this opinion; for his sales grew and grew, and he was making more money at the end of his career than at any time during it. If he had lived longer than his fifty-seven years the tale might have been different. As it was, after a life of unusual happiness, he died with the satisfaction of knowing that, in the view of his readers at least, his hand had lost none of its cunning, while his friends and admirers were an undiminished host.

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